

IN THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

_____, DAY _____, 2014

PRESENT: Supervisors

ABSENT:

RESOLUTION NO.
RESOLUTION HONORING STEPHEN ROSS DOOLEY AS THE 2014 WINEMAKER
OF THE YEAR IN SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY.

The following resolution is hereby offered and read:

WHEREAS, on July 18, 2014 at the California Mid-State Fair, the San Luis Obispo County Wine Industry will honor Stephen Ross Dooley as its 2014 Winemaker of the Year for his dedication, vision and leadership in the San Luis Obispo County wine region; and

WHEREAS, from Dooley's boyhood home in the Minnesota River Valley to California, Dooley's career path has taken him through the Napa Valley and to far-flung locations in the Australian outback and the South African Cape. Experiences and insights reaped along the way have played a significant part in shaping his personal winemaking style and knowledge that he has imparted to those in his employ; and

WHEREAS, after graduating from U.C. Davis in 1977 he was hired to work at the Louis M. Martini Winery in the Napa Valley, one of the early pioneers of today's California wine industry, where he spent 10 educative years. In 1987 Dooley was "discovered" by the Chalone Wine Group and was hired for the post of winemaker at Edna Valley Vineyard, thus bringing Dooley to San Luis Obispo County; and

WHEREAS, After completing seven vintages at Edna Valley Vineyard, during the summer of 1994, Dooley left to form his own company and develop his own label under his first and middle name Stephen Ross. Over the years the location where Dooley created his wines have changed and in 2008 Stephen Ross Wine Cellars moved within the city limits of San Luis Obispo; and

WHEREAS Dooley is a firm believer in a hands-on approach in order to maintain the highest quality possible. At the same time he believes in the winemaking axiom of the late Andre Tchelistcheff; wine makes itself and the winemaker is simply the caretaker. He also believes in the French proverb that the wine is made in the vineyard. Consequently, Dooley is currently producing wines from grapes grown at prestigious vineyards such as Bien Nacido Vineyard, Oliver's Vineyard, Dante Dusi Vineyard, Aubaine Vineyards, Wolff Vineyard and Thomann Station in addition to the estate Stone Corral Vineyard; and

WHEREAS, Stephen Ross Dooley has dedicated himself as a leader in the local wine industry for the past 21 years, first serving on the San Luis Obispo Wine Country Association Board of Directors from 1989 to 2000 and then by serving as a director on the Board of World of Pinot Noir from 2000 to 2010.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the County of San Luis Obispo, Board of Supervisors, State of California, does hereby honor Stephen Ross Dooley as the 2014 Winemaker of the Year in San Luis Obispo County.

Upon motion of Supervisor _____, seconded by Supervisor _____, and on the following roll call vote, to wit:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

The foregoing resolution is hereby adopted.

Chairperson, Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

By: _____
Deputy Clerk